

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DON SAYLOR ON HIS 45 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Don Saylor on his retirement from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, following an incredible 45-year career devoted to serving the people of Yolo County. Throughout Mr. Saylor's public service career, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to improving his community and an unyielding zeal for addressing the pressing challenges faced by the residents of Yolo County.

Born in rural Wyoming, Mr. Saylor witnessed firsthand the effects of poverty and food insecurity on American families. In response to these hardships, he also experienced the innovation and resiliency that occurs when a community unites as one to overcome adversity. These childhood experiences instilled in Mr. Saylor a passion for community work and a strong belief in the importance of helping those most vulnerable.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming, Mr. Saylor went on to earn his master's degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. During this time, he served as Research Assistant to former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. He credits this experience with teaching him the foundational principles of public service, always doing what is right and including those different from oneself.

Throughout his 27 years in elected office, Mr. Saylor served as Mayor and City Council Member for the City of Davis, President and Trustee of the School Board for the Davis Joint Unified School District, and presently, as the Yolo County District 2 Supervisor. In these positions, Mr. Saylor helped address many major community concerns through the implementation of educational enhancement programs, the creation of the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency, and the adoption of the most visionary affordable housing ordinance in the state of California.

As Yolo County District 2 Supervisor, Mr. Saylor committed himself to the betterment of his community. He worked ceaselessly to enhance the safety net for Yolo County's most vulnerable populations, combat food insecurity and inequitable access to healthy food in his community, and strengthen the local economy through investment and strategic partnerships. In 2012, Mr. Saylor launched the Yolo Food Connect effort to address food access and food security issues as part of an overall food systems policy approach.

Mr. Saylor has exemplified genuine public service throughout his personal and professional endeavors. In 2004, Mr. Saylor founded Soup's On, an entirely volunteer-run event that brings the Yolo County community together to fundraise for a local nonprofit. Since the incep-

tion of Soup's On, the event has raised over \$400,000 for nonprofits including Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County and the Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network.

While his presence on the Board of Supervisors will surely be missed, Mr. Saylor's 12 years of service to the residents of Yolo County has undoubtedly left a legacy that will last for many years to come. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Saylor's dedicated service to the people of Yolo County and wish him and his family my best as he enters retirement.

CELEBRATING ROSALINDA "LINDA" CANLAS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize New Haven Unified School Board Trustee Linda Canlas on the occasion of her retirement on November 30, 2022.

Linda immigrated from the Philippines to the United States in 1970 and became a naturalized citizen at 18 years old. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University East Bay in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in History and obtained her California State Teaching Credential. After spending some time in the classroom, Linda received a master's degree in Educational Leadership and a professional school administrative credential from the State of California.

After beginning her teaching career in Norfolk, Virginia, Linda returned to the Bay Area to teach in the Newark Unified School District and remained there until 1996. During this time, Linda served her students in various capacities as a teacher, district student at-risk/support services coordinator, district performing arts coordinator, mentor teacher, and vice principal. Linda then served as a principal in Hayward Unified School District until 2016. Under Linda's leadership, two public elementary schools were able to significantly raise their academic performance, demonstrating her commitment to upholding California curriculum standards and Common Core implementation.

Linda was first elected as a Board Trustee for New Haven Unified School District in 2010 and was reelected in 2014 and 2018. During her three terms on the board, she served in the roles of clerk and board president, all while earning another master's degree in Governance from the California School Boards Association. One of her passion projects while a trustee was to rename a middle school in honor of co-founders of the United Farm Workers movement, Larry Itliong and Phillip Vera Cruz. Thanks to her efforts, Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School is the first public school in the country to be named after a Filipino-American.

Outside her official duties on the Board, Linda has been an active advocate for edu-

cation in the community. She is a board member for the New Haven Schools Foundation, she has been President of the Alameda County School Boards Association since 2017 and has been a member of the East Bay Coalition for Public Education Leadership Team since 2019. She is also an active Filipino American National Historical Society member and serves on the Board of the Ukulele Festival of Northern California. Because of her history of contributions to education, governance, and community, in 2017, Linda was recognized by the Filipina Women's Network as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the world.

For over three decades, Linda Canlas has played a pivotal role in ensuring quality education for the students of California's 15th congressional district. I join the community in celebrating the many achievements of her career and wish her rest and relaxation with her husband, Dennis, and her daughters, Camille and Jacqueline, as she begins her retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA LADY COMETS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima Lady Comets on their victory in the Class 3 Softball State Championship.

These young women had a stellar season, ranked number 1 with a 33–3 record. In their championship game they overcame a 10-run deficit to claim their title. The Lady Comets should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for brining home the state championship to their school and community.

Please join me in recognizing the Lady Comets for a job well done.

HONORING GOUVERNEUR TOWN LEADER ELDON B. CONKLIN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Gouverneur community leader, Eldon B. Conklin. Eldon served the Gouverneur community for decades as an elected official and an innovative business owner.

Eldon was born on November 21, 1929 in the town of DeKalb and attended Osbornville Country School on Rock Island Road. At the age of 18, Eldon was working as a truck driver for John Austin Trucking in Richville, New York until he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1951. After serving his country and

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receiving an honorable discharge, Eldon returned to trucking, hauling milk, horses, and other heavy equipment.

In 1969, Eldon married Eloise Tibbits at the Gouverneur United Methodist Church. Together, they purchased Van Ornum Furniture on Main Street in Gouverneur, which they owned and operated until it was sold in 1998. In 1985, Eldon became interested in serving his local community and served as Village Trustee, Mayor, and finally Town Councilman. He served as Councilman from 2003 until his passing. Additionally, Eldon was the Town Chairman of the Gouverneur Republican Town Committee. Because of his tremendous work in this position and his unyielding commitment to the North Country, the St. Lawrence Republican County Committee presented him with the prestigious Betsy Kaplan Award in 2017.

Eldon dedicated his storied career to serving the Gouverneur community in many capacities. Eldon co-owned many other Gouverneur businesses, including the Gralyn Theater, Gouverneur Bowl, and Antique Emporium. He also was a member of the Greater Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce and became an honorary lifetime member in 2017. Throughout his tenure in public service, Eldon worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents of Gouverneur. Eldon was instrumental in several projects, including by being a vocal advocate for the recently completed Gouverneur Community Center.

Eldon's commitment to serving his community should serve as inspiration to all. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Eldon's exceptional leadership and remember his enduring contributions to the Gouverneur community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, SPIRIT, AND LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE JULIE CHERRY

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam speaker, I rise to remember the life, spirit, friendship, and leadership of Julie Cherry.

Julie Tregre Cherry, age 62, passed away October 25, 2022, in Baton Rouge, far too soon. Julie served most recently as the Secretary-Treasurer to the Louisiana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and was a former President of the East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers. Julie was a dedicated public servant and fierce fighter for equity and justice. She advocated for laws, regulations, and policies beneficial to working families in the Louisiana Legislature and served on various boards and commissions, including the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, Baton Rouge Fire and Police Civil Service Board, and Governor's Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. In 2014, she received national recognition with the Presbrey Champion of Labor Award from the Workers' Injury Law and Advocacy Group and in 2012, the Dragon Slayer Award from Louisiana Workers' Advocates.

Just this year, Julie graduated from the Southern University Law Center with a Juris Doctorate and was looking forward to the next

chapter in her professional life helping underserved and under-resourced people in Louisiana. Also, as a life-long music minister, Julie was heavily involved in the local Catholic community, especially the parishes of St. Jean Vianney and Most Blessed Sacrament. She remained a long-time educator and passionate student.

Julie is survived by her devoted partner, Richard le Bouef, and children Elaine Blacharski (Tony), Aaron Cherry (Elisabeth), Luke Cherry (Nicole), and Jacob Cherry (Juliette) as well as beloved grandchildren Reed, Penelope, Aaron Jr., James, Arthur, and Louis. She is also survived by mother Jeanne Tregre, sisters Marie Rourke (Mike), Patricia DeWeese (Danny), and Jeanne "Cathy" Kelly (Larry), and an extended family of nieces and nephews. Julie was preceded in death by her father, Bruce Tregre, Sr.; brothers Bruce Jr. "Spike" and Michael Tregre; former husband, Daniel Cherry; and nephew, Jordy Rourke.

I'm sending prayers to Julie's family, friends, students, colleagues, and church community. She will be sorely missed.

I take comfort knowing she is with her Savior in heaven.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JUDGE ALEX CALABRESE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Judge Alex Calabrese, the presiding judge of the Red Hook Community Justice Center in my district in Brooklyn, New York. Judge Calabrese began his legal career as a public defender in the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice and went on to serve as the court attorney for the Honorable Leslie Crocker Snyder. He was later appointed to the bench in 1997, presiding in Kings County Criminal Court prior to his tenure in Red Hook. While sitting through Kings County arraignments of low-level cases, he recognized the return appearances of those who had previously come before him. He began incorporating supportive services as part of sentencing including a follow-up approach which had not been done before. This brought him to the attention of Center for Court Innovation which was opening the Red Hook Community Court. As the first and only presiding judge in the Red Hook Court, Judge Calabrese handled cases from three jurisdictions: criminal, family, and housing, the first in the country to do so.

Judge Calabrese kept to his belief in people, viewing each who came before him as unique and deserving of respect, and most of all, the opportunity to live up to their full potential. Under his leadership, he fostered the Peacemaking approach of the Navajo Nation where the community comes together as part of decision making. A key innovation is Red Hook Youth Court where young people are trained to serve as jurors, judges and advocates for their peers who have committed minor offenses. This approach helps restore the harm done in the community and ensure those involved receive the help they need to avoid getting caught up in the justice system, addressing early-on underlying issues that prompt criminal behavior in the first place.

Judge Calabrese has shared his unique approach from the bench by presenting and teaching extensively, both nationally and internationally. Lord Woolf, Chief Judge of England and Whales said: "the Red Hook Courthouse is the finest example of restorative justice I have ever seen and should be emulated by courts throughout the world; then justice will truly have meaning." For his greater than two decades of service on the bench to reform justice in our communities, I recognize Judge Alex Calabrese for his invaluable service to us all.

CELEBRATING THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER IN MONTGOMERY, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 51st Anniversary of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Montgomery, Alabama.

Though the SPLC was founded after the passing of the Civil Rights Law of 1964 and the Voting Rights Law of 1965, the founders of the SPLC, two young civil rights lawyers from Montgomery recognized that despite the promises of these laws, life for African Americans in the South remained the same. They witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of racial injustice, and together, Joseph Levin Jr. and Morris Dees committed themselves to provide a voice for the disenfranchised.

Watching our communities strategically excluded from a range of economic and educational opportunities, they took pro bona cases few others were willing to pursue, resulting in the desegregation of recreational facilities, the reapportionment of the Alabama Legislature, and reforms in the state prison system. It was from the work and vision of these two men that the Southern Poverty Law Center was born in 1971.

Specializing in civil rights and public interest litigation, the SPLC has remained dedicated to working directly with communities to dismantle white supremacy, protect voting rights, eradicate poverty, and reform the criminal justice system. Through more than 30 landmark legal victories, the work of the SPLC has spurred systemic reforms in the Deep South and fought to protect our most sacred and fundamental rights.

During its 1981 litigation efforts against the Ku Klux Klan, the SPLC discovered the lack of comprehensive information on American radical groups. Recognizing the vitality of this resource in the fight to battle injustice, the SPLC created its Intelligence Project and Hatewatch program to monitor and expose such groups. Today, their Intelligence Project tracks more than 1,600 extremist groups in the United States and is an invaluable resource for training and educating the public.

As a forward-facing organization, the SPLC has transformed over the years as a catalyst of change; while also ensuring that we never forget the sacrifice and bravery of those on whose shoulders we stand. Through the Civil Rights Memorial Center, the SPLC has memorialized the stories of the countless known and